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1. At about 8:30 a.m. on 19 March 1953, about 30 trucks [REDACTED] carrying billeting equipment and sections of cantonment buildings, passed through Oranienburg, coming from the direction of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp and proceeding toward Loewenberg. ¹ 25X1
2. Troops and materiel entrained in Stralsund for Ruegen included: 10 boxcarloads of troops, 37 trucks, and 28 x 76.2-mm field guns, on 14 March; and 8 boxcarloads of troops, 26 trucks, 20 x 76.2-mm field guns, and 10 gun motor carriages, on 15 March. ² 25X1
3. Troops and materiel unloaded in Potsdam between 15 and 20 March included: 25X1
 - At 12:30 p.m. on 15 March. Three T-34/85 tanks, and 1 SU-152 gun, without numbers, in Wildpark. The materiel left toward Krampnitz. ³ 25X1
 - At 9 p.m. on 19 March. About 15 trucks [REDACTED] and 15 to 20 boxcarloads of air force personnel, including women, which subsequently left toward the town, at the freight station. 25X1
 - At 11 p.m. on 19 March. Fifteen trucks and 10 prime movers [REDACTED] 10 heavy guns, the caliber of which could not be determined because of poor light; and about 150 troops, at the freight station. 25X1
 - At 7:30 p.m. on 20 March. Fourteen guns, which source believed were 122-mm howitzers, 16 prime movers, about 10 trucks, 2 trailers and about 200 troops. 25X1
4. At about 9 a.m. on 10 March, an undetermined number of ammunition boxes, 120 x 60 x 40 cm, were loaded on two boxcars at the Weimar freight station. The shipment was guarded by two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts, and left toward Weissenfels at 1:30 p.m. At about 10:30 a.m. on 10 March, a train carrying three T-34 tanks, including No 560/31, passed through the Weimar freight station toward Erfurt. ⁵ At about 6 a.m. on 11 March, two boxcars carrying ammunition boxes and attached to a train which arrived from the direction of Weissenfels [REDACTED] were unloaded at the Weimar freight station. The shipment was escorted by two VP and was bound for Bad Berka (M 51/J 46). ⁶ 25X1

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5. Between 4 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on 17 March, 28 x 122-mm field guns, 36 x 152-mm gun howitzers, all towed by prime movers; about 40 three-axle trucks, 3 field kitchens and an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia, passed through Potsdam, proceeding toward Nedlitz.

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the column included the bulk of the artillery units stationed in Nedlitz.

1. Comment. The movement is in connection with the transfer of the elements of the 25th Tank Div stationed in Oranienburg to the new barracks installations in Templin.

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2. Comment. entraining of a light AAA battery in Stralsund. of the 34th Arty Div (US)

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3. Comment. Probably a tank firing detail of the 10th Gds Tank Div, returning from the Letzling Heath.

4. Comment. Elements of the 34th Arty Div (US), returning from Jueterbog. The shipments were repeatedly confirmed.

5. Comment. presumably a tank firing detail of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, going to Ohrdruf.

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7. Comment. 30 minutes later, a column, which included about 60 heavy guns, passing through Potsdam toward Jueterbog. As the number of guns is about the same with the two columns, it can be assumed that two brigades of the 34th Arty Div (US), before leaving for Jueterbog, assembled at the Bornstedter Feld. This assumption would account for the direction of march observed.

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